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PHOTOMICROGRAPH VERSUS MICROPHOTOGRAPH.

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The confusion of the terms "photomicrograph" and "microphotograph" has led the writer to try to discover the paternity and original meaning of the more important word, photomicrograph.

During the past eighteen months, through the kind interest of Dr. R. L. Maddox himself, and through him of the editors of the *British Journal of Photography*, the looked-for paternity has been discovered. Traced to Mr. George Shadbolt, he has acknowledged the child, writing: "I believe I am responsible for drawing attention to the necessity of a distinction between a photographic picture of an enlarged object and the minute photographic picture of a large object, the former being correctly described as a 'photomicrograph' and the latter as a 'microphotograph,' in accordance with the meaning of the original Greek derivatives. This will have been in an early number of the *British Journal of Photography*, probably while it was still called '*The Liverpool Journal of Photography*.' "

The exact date of the birth of the word is still somewhat doubtful, but Dr. Maddox writes: "I think we may safely put it at '59 or '60, although we cannot put our finger on the page even after much research."

The two acknowledged leaders in photomicrographic literature in the two great English speaking countries, Drs. Maddox and Woodward, throughout their writings have used the words in question with the clearly defined Shadbolt distinction; and the writer trusts, with this historical note recorded in our Proceedings, the American Society of Microscopists, as a body and as individuals, will insist upon the correct usage of these terms.

A photomicrograph is a macroscopic photograph of a microscopic object; a microphotograph is a microscopic photograph of a macroscopic object.